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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2005, the term for response to which is extended by one month by Petition filed concurrently herewith to expire on January 21, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 2, 5, 8 and 13 are canceled, and claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9-12 and 14 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Amendment (13)

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents on the date noted below.

Nalini P. Sahadeo

Dated: January 17, 2006

In the event that this Paper is late filed, and the necessary petition for extension of time is not filed concurrently herewith, please consider this as a Petition for the requisite extension of time, and to the extent not tendered by form PTO-2038 attached hereto, authorization to charge the extension fee to Account No. 06-1378.